

WAS UNCLE SAM BLUFFING? HERE'S STORY OF ARMY'S GROWTH



By The West Virginian's Military Expert.

U.S. ARMED FORCES	APRIL 1917	AUGUST 1917
ARMY	131,481	293,000
NAT GUARD	123,605	300,000
NAVY	62,000	197,000
MARINES	15,000	30,000
TOTAL	332,086	820,000
		FIRST INCREMENT OF NEW NATIONAL ARMY—687,000
		GRAND TOTAL 1,507,000

10,000 naval militiamen. The total forces numbered 332,086.

The regular army and the national guard were ordered recruited to war strength—the army to 293,000 men, the guard to 329,954, a total of 622,954.

The regulars reached their quota in August, having added 131,481 men in four months. The national guard mustered into federal service August 5, numbered approximately 300,000 men, and recruiting continues in organizations not filled.

The navy, finally ordered to recruit up to 197,000, and the marine corps, 15,000 to 30,000 men, completed their quotas.

Five months after the declaration of war, therefore, approximately 820,000 fighting men of all branches are under arms.

More than one-third of the 687,000 men in the first quota of the new national army have been passed. Before October all will be in camp. The men who will train them have been selected

in officers' training camps.

Pushing in the 1918 spring drive can have 473,000 thoroughly trained and equipped men. By the end of March, the national army will have completed six months training. British infantrymen now go to France after sixteen weeks' training, are tested eight days and sent to the trenches.

If the allies require, we can throw into battle 500,000 additional troops the end of March—every one trained more than six months.—A MILLION FULLY TRAINED MEN FOR THE NEXT BIG OFFENSIVE.

April 21, 1917, the war department announced it had ample supplies for 500,000, with the exception of heavy ordnance and machine guns. These deficiencies have been met. By the end of November the first increment of the national army will be equipped. The rifle supply problem has been solved.

In a way Uncle Sam was bluffing. But the bluffer has bluffed the other bluff!

day. Mrs. Charles Merrifield was shopping in Fairmont Thursday of last week.

Willie Davis, of Camp Cornwell, was seen on our run Saturday afternoon. Glenn Merrifield and little son, Lester, of Dakota, were visiting his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Merrifield, Sunday.

Mrs. Will Fetty was shopping in Fairmont Thursday of last week.

Abe Satterfield, of Rivesville, was calling at Will Fetty's Sunday.

Mrs. Jessie Fetty, we are sorry to say is no better at this writing.

Mrs. Clifford Merrifield and daughter, Miss Maude, were at Rivesville Thursday.

Those that attended the box supper at Pitcher's church Thursday night of last week from this place were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Merrifield and family, Fred and Mrs. Montie and Nellie, Mrs. Will Fetty and daughter, Miss Grace, Dr. Dewey Satterfield and three sisters, Misses Gail, Edith and Catharine, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Merrifield

and daughter, Miss Maude. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fetty and two children and Mr. Leslie Metz. Mr. Ernest Satterfield and two sisters, Misses Nellie and Gertrude Satterfield. They all reported a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Fetty were at Barnsville Monday.

Mr. Will Fetty has been harvesting for his father, Mr. Jesse Fetty.

Gayle, of Paw Paw, was on our run Sunday.

In Royal Bay, Too.

MINONG, Mich.—Sam Houston fished a sturgeon out of Royal bay and



when he cut it open found a copy of the Frankfort (Germany) Zeitung dated March 12, 1917.

SPECIAL NOTICES

CITY OF FAIRMONT, ESTIMATES OF LEVY, FISCAL YEAR, 1917.

August 14, 1917.
A special session of the Board of Affairs of the City of Fairmont, Marion County, West Virginia, held in the Council Chambers thereof, in the City Building on the 14th day of August, 1917, held as provided by law and pursuant to adjournment of August 13, 1917.

Present: Anthony Bowen, Mayor and J. Walter Barnes, A. L. Lehman, and Ira L. Smith, Commissioners, being all the members of said Board of Affairs of said City of Fairmont, and Albert J. Kern, City Clerk of said City of Fairmont.

In accordance with section 4, chapter 9, of the Acts of the extraordinary session of the Legislature of the State of West Virginia, of 1908, the Board of Affairs proceeded to make up an estimate of the amounts necessary to be levied for the current fiscal year, to cover all municipal debts and liabilities payable during said year, including probable expenditures for municipal purposes and proper allowances for delinquent taxes, expense of collections and contingencies; but deducting therefrom the money in the city treasury applicable to the service of the year and municipal claims and doth determine and estimate the several amounts to be levied as follows:

ESTIMATES.
Maximum levy thirty-five (35) cents on the Hundred Dollars valuation, and an additional ten (10) cents on the Hundred Dollars valuation, pursuant to ordinance number thirty, passed by said Board of Affairs, August 6, 1917, in accordance with the provisions of section seventy-three (73) of the Charter of said City, passed by the Legislature of the State of West Virginia, February 20, 1913, making a total of forty-five (45) cents on the Hundred Dollars valuation for current purposes, and an additional special levy of twenty-four (24) cents on the Hundred Dollars valuation for the payment of the interest to accrue for payment, during the current fiscal year, on General Improvement and Refunding Bonds, dated January 1, 1917, and the discharge of the principal of certain of said bonds, maturing for payment during the current fiscal year, all of which said bonds were duly authorized at an election held for the purpose on December 5, 1916, in and for said City of Fairmont, and pursuant to the law in such case made and provided; making a total of sixty-nine (69) cents on the Hundred Dollars valuation for all purposes.

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.
The amount due the said municipality and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source, except from the levy of taxes to be made for the current fiscal year.

Redemption of Delinquent Lands	\$ 200.00
Sale of Delinquent Lands	900.00
Licenses:	
Pool, Billiards and Bowling	600.00
Hotel and Restaurant	300.00
Tobacco and Cigarettes	800.00
Other Licenses	1,200.00
Dog Taxes	700.00
Sewer Taps	3,600.00
Police Court Fines	3,000.00
Interest on Funds	600.00
Water Rents and Revenues	62,878.34
Water Taps	1,500.00
Capitations	7,000.00
Sale of Real Estate	2,500.00
Total Estimated Receipts	\$82,828.84

ESTIMATED DISBURSEMENTS.
Debts and demands owed by said municipality which will become due and payable during the current fiscal year, including interest on bonded indebtedness of every kind and character, saving and excepting interest and sinking fund for General Improvement and Refunding Bonds for which a special levy is provided, as herein set out.

DEPARTMENT OF FIRE, POLICE, LAW, HEALTH AND CHARITY.

General and Administrative

SPECIAL NOTICES

Salary of Mayor	\$ 600.00
Salary of Commissioner	2,000.00
Contingent Expense	100.00
Fire Department:	
Salary of Chief	1,200.00
Salary of Assistant Chief	1,200.00
Salary of Captain	1,060.00
Salary of Eight Firemen	8,000.00
Salary of Relief Firemen	500.00
Oil and Gasoline	250.00
Chemicals	100.00
Cleaning Supplies	100.00
Repairs—Apparatus and Equipment	500.00
Uniforms, Clothing and Bedding	550.00
Contingent Expense	200.00
Total	\$13,780.00

Police Department:	
Salary of Chief	1,200.00
Salary of Assistant Chief	1,200.00
Salary of Night Sergeant	1,000.00
Salary of Ten Patrolmen	10,000.00
Salary of Police Woman	600.00
Salary of Special Police	300.00
Board and Transportation of Prisoners	600.00
Uniforms	200.00
Contingent Expense	200.00
Total	\$15,770.00

Law Department:	
Salary of City Attorney	\$ 600.00
Court Costs	400.00
Contingent Expense	500.00
Total	\$1,500.00

Health and Sanitary Department:	
Salary of City Physician	\$ 1,000.00
Salary of Sanitary Officer	1,200.00
Salary of Assistant Sanitary Officer	600.00
Salary of Crematory Attendant	840.00
Salary of Drivers	1,800.00
Salary of Two Helpers	1,200.00
Oil and Gasoline	1,000.00
Crematory Fuel	600.00
Repairs to Apparatus and Equipment	300.00
Medical Supplies and Fumigation	600.00
Contingent Expense	200.00
Total	\$9,300.00

Charity Department:	
Provision, Clothing and Fuel	\$ 250.00
Transportation	100.00
Hospital	1,200.00
Red Cross Nurse	300.00
Funeral Expense	150.00
Pensions and Allowances	1,000.00
Contingent Expense	50.00
Total	\$3,050.00

SUMMARY.

General and Administrative	\$ 2,600.00
Fire Department	13,780.00
Police Department	15,770.00
Law Department	1,500.00
Health and Sanitary Department	9,300.00
Charity Department	3,050.00
Total, Department of Fire, etc.	\$46,000.00

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, TAXATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES. GENERAL FUND.

General and Administrative:	
Salary of Commissioner	\$ 2,000.00
Auditing and Accounting	700.00
Premium on Bonds	350.00
Printing and Advertising	100.00
Contingent Expense	100.00
Total	\$3,250.00

City Treasurer's Office:	
Salary of Treasurer	\$ 750.00
Salary of Office Clerk	720.00
Printing and Advertising	200.00
Postage	100.00
Records and Stationery, etc.	200.00
Contingent Expense	130.00
Total	\$2,100.00

City Clerk's Office:	
Salary of City Clerk	\$ 1,000.00
Salary of Stenographer	900.00
Printing and Advertising	250.00
Postage	100.00
Records and Stationery, etc.	200.00
Assessor	350.00
Making up Tax Books	200.00
Contingent Expense	100.00
Total	\$3,100.00

Interest on General Fund Bonds (Exclusive of Gen. Imp. and Refunding Bonds)

Special Accounts:	
Refund of Taxes	\$ 200.00
Refund of Licenses	200.00
Tax Discounts	2,000.00
Total	\$2,400.00

Delinquencies:	
Erroneous Personal Property Taxes	\$ 150.00
Erroneous Real Estate Taxes	100.00
Personal Property Delinquent Taxes	2,000.00
Real Estate Delinquent Taxes	550.00
Total	\$2,800.00

WATER FUND.

General and Administrative:	
Auditing and Accounting	\$ 700.00
Salary of City Clerk	500.00
Total	\$1,200.00

City Treasurer's Office:	
Salary of City Treasurer	\$ 750.00
Salary of Bookkeeper	1,080.00
Printing and Advertising	100.00
Postage	300.00
Records, Stationery, etc.	200.00
Salary of Office Clerk	720.00
Contingent Expense	100.00
Total	\$3,250.00

Refunds—Water:	
Water Rents	\$ 300.00
Tap Charges	75.00
Turn-off Charges	\$5.00
Total	\$400.00

Interest on Water Fund Bonds

Interest on Water Fund Bonds	\$ 1,500.00
Total	\$3,500.00

SUMMARY.

General Fund:	
General and Administrative	\$ 3,250.00
City Treasurer's Office	2,100.00
City Clerk's Office	3,100.00
Interest on General Fund Bonds	350.00
(Exclusive of Gen. Imp. and Refunding Bonds)	2,400.00
Special Accounts	2,800.00
Delinquencies	2,800.00
Total General Fund	\$14,000.00
Water Fund:	
General and Administrative, Water	\$ 1,200.00
City Treasurer's Office, Water	3,250.00
Refunds Water	400.00
Interest on Water Fund Bonds	1,500.00
Interest on Water Fund Bonds	2,400.00
Total Water Fund	\$9,750.00
Total, Department of Finance, etc.	\$23,750.00

DEPARTMENT OF STREETS, WHARVES, PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

General and Administrative:	
Salary of Commissioner	\$ 2,000.00
Engineer Expense and Superintendence	600.00
Contingent Expense	100.00
Total	\$2,700.00

Department of Streets and Wharves:	
Street Lighting, Electric	\$16,000.00
Street Lighting, Gas	300.00
Street Cleaning	4,000.00
Repairs to Streets and Alleys	3,000.00
Repairs to Sidewalks	500.00
Repairs to Bridges	1,000.00
Total	\$24,800.00

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Contingent Expense	\$ 1,000.00
Total	\$25,800.00
Department of Public Buildings:	
Salary of Janitor	\$ 720.00
Light and Heat	1,000.00
Insurance	300.00
Repairs to Buildings and Furniture	200.00
Contingent Expense	280.00
Total	\$2,500.00

SUMMARY.

General and Administrative	\$ 2,700.00
Department of Streets and Wharves	25,800.00
Department of Public Buildings	2,500.00
Total	\$31,000.00

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SEWERS. WATER FUND.

General and Administrative:	
Salary of Commissioner	\$ 2,000.00
Engineering and Superintendence	500.00
Contingent Expense	300.00
Total	\$2,800.00

Pump Station:	
Salary of Engineers and Firemen	\$ 7,500.00
Fuel and Light	12,500.00
Tools and Supplies	400.00
Lubricants, Waste, etc.	500.00
Chlorine Gas	1,000.00
Repairs and Replacements	100.00
Contingent Expense	100.00
Total	\$22,500.00

Reservoir:	
Salary of Tender	\$ 720.00
Light and Heat	100.00
Tools and Supplies	40.00
Repairs and Replacements	400.00
Contingent Expense	100.00
Total	\$1,360.00

Water Lines:	
Salary of Foreman	\$ 1,140.00
Engineering Expense	500.00
Tools and Supplies	500.00
Repairs and Replacements	3,050.00
Contingent Expense	200.00
Total	\$5,340.00

Meter Department and Shop:	
Salary of Plumber	\$ 1,200.00
Salary of Inspector	900.00
Meter Repairs and Supplies	200.00
Shop Tools, etc.	200.00
Pipe Valves and Fittings	900.00
Contingent Expense	100.00
Total	\$3,500.00

GENERAL.

Sewers—General Fund:	
Salary of Foreman	\$ 300.00
Engineering Expense	100.00
Tools and Supplies	100.00
Repairs to Sewers	1,000.00
Total	\$1,500.00

SUMMARY:

General and Administrative	\$ 2,800.00
Pump Station	22,500.00
Reservoir	1,360.00
Water Lines	5,340.00
Meter Department and Shop	3,500.00
Sewers	1,500.00
Total, Department of Water and Sewers	\$37,000.00

CLASSIFICATION OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Paved Streets:	
Engineering and Superintendence	\$ 500.00
Grading	1,000.00
Curbs and Sidewalks	500.00
Paving, Labor and Material	8,000.00
Tools and Supplies	200.00
Total	\$10,200.00

Equipment:	
Furniture and Furnishings	\$ 1,000.00
Fire Department Equipment	1,800.00
Health Department Equipment	1,400.00
Total	\$4,200.00

Water Mains:	
Engineering and Superintendence	\$ 500.00
New Lines	8,000.00
Tools and Supplies	200.00
Purchase of Water Lines	5,000.00
Contingent Expense	300.00
Total	\$9,000.00

Service Lines:	
Engineering and Superintendence	\$ 250.00
New Service Lines	1,000.00
Tools and Supplies	150.00
Contingent Expense	100.00
Total	\$1,500.00

Miscellaneous Equipment:	
Meters	\$ 5,000.00
Shop Tools	200.00
Total	\$5,200.00

SUMMARY.

Paved Streets	\$10,200.00
Equipment	4,200.00
Water Mains	9,000.00
Service Lines	1,500.00
Miscellaneous Equipment	5,200.00
Total	\$30,000.00

BOND SINKING FUNDS.

(Exclusive of General Improvement and Refunding Bonds)	
Water Fund Bonds:	
Issue 1910, \$68,000.00	\$ 2,200.67
General Fund Bonds:	
Issue 1910, \$7,000.00	238.33
Total, Sinking Funds	\$2,439.00

RECAPITULATION.

Department of Fire, Etc.	\$46,000.00
Department of Finance, etc.	23,750.00
Department of Streets, etc.	